30th March 1965]

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டிலே சாதகமாகத் தீர்ப்பு கிடைக்கும் என்று சொன்னூர்கள். அப்படிக் கிடைத்தால் அதிலே அவர்களைவிட நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைவேன். தன்னுடைய 15 வருஷ அனுபவம், திறமை எல்லாவற்றையும் பற்றிச் சொன்னூர்கள். நர்ன் சொன்னது " மதியழகனுடைய கருத்து அல்ல " அவர்களை விட அதிகமாக இல்லாவிட்டாலும் அவர்களுடைய அனுபவத்தை ஒட்டி இருக்கிற நீதிபதியின் கருத்தைத்தான் நான் எடுத்துக் காட்டினேன். சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டாலும் கூட அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய காவலையெல்லாம் கடந்து ஏரோப்ளேனில் சந்திர மண்டலத்திற்கே கணக்குகளை எடுத்துச் செல்கிற நிலைமை கூட ஏற்பட்டு விடும்போல் இருக்கிறது. அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து இதைப் பற்றி விளக்க வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

"**That the allotment of Rs. 1,06,42,900 under Demand No. III—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties—Administration be reduced by Rs. 100.**"

The cut motion was put and lost.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,06,42,900 under Demand No. III—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties—Administration."

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House will now adjourn and ment again at 2-00 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd March 1965.

The House then adjourned. 1–07 p.m.

IV.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

A. Statutory Rules and Orders.

* 162. *Notifications issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 5841, *Industries, Labour and Co-operation* (*Co-operation*), *dated* 24*th December* 1964 *amending the Madras Co-operative Societies Rules*, 1963, *published with the Industries, Labour and Co-operation Department S.R.O. No. A.* 865 *of* 1963, *dated the* 30*th August* 1963, *at pages* 1 *to* 50 *of the Supplement to Part V of the* Fort St. George Gazette, *dated the* 4*th September* 1963. [*Laid on the Table of the House under section* 119(4) *of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act*, 1961 (*Madras Act* 53 *of* 1961)]

B. Reports Notifications and other Papers.

† 72. *A Review of the Working of Minor Ports in Madras State* (*Tamil*).

† 73. *A Review on Irrigation in Madras State*—1964–65 (*English and Tamil*).

† 74. *A Review on Road Development and Building Programme in the Madras State*—1964–65 (*English and Tamil*).

†75. *Speech by Hon. Minister for Food on Demands for Irrigation Grants*, 1965–66 (*English and Tamil*).

†76. *Speech by Hon. Minister for Food on Demands XXVII—Public Works; XXVIII—Establishment and Tools and Plant; and XLIII—Capital Outlay on Public Works* (*English and Tamil*).

APPENDIX X.

[*Vide* answer to Starred Question No. 286 on page 258.]

(*a*) *Reasons for the acute scarcity of rice in the Pilloor Dam area giving rise to looting.*

The Pilloor Dam area of Avanashi taluk in Coimbatore district was served by 14 petty dealers who are not licensees under the Madras Foodgrains Dealers Licensing Order. They were purchasing rice from wholesale merchants in Coimbatore, Erode, Perundurai and other places in quantities of less than 10 quintals at a time and selling the stocks in retail in Pilloor Dam area. The last purchases of rice made by the merchants were about 500 bags of rice per week for the Pilloor Dam area. The merchants did not purchase rice from Coimbatore, and other places on 15th September 1964, as the wholesale merchants at Coimbatore and other places are said to have had no stocks. Then they approached the District Supply Officer, Coimbatore, with one of the Assistant Engineers of Pilloor Dam and requested supply of rice. The District Supply Officer, Coimbatore, instructed these merchants to purchase rice from a dealer in Coimbatore. It is ascertained that the merchants did not move the stock till 16th September 1964. The following reasons were adduced by the dealers in the dam site for not moving the stock from the dealer in Coimbatore :—

(1) On the arrest of a person for selling rice at higher rates, the merchants of Pilloor Dam area could not get rice from Coimbatore as it created some scare among the merchants.

(2) The retail merchants of Pilloor Dam area were incurring loss by selling rice at the notified rates, as they had to transport rice from Coimbatore and other places to places far away from Pilloor Dam incurring additional transport charges.

(3) The retail merchants fo Pilloor Dam area are not licensees under the Madras Foodgrains Dealers Licensing Order. Hence, they could not stock more than 10 quintals of rice at any one time. As such, there was no stock of rice with them after they got the last supply on 14th September 1964.

(*b*) *Number of Fair Price Shops catering to the requirements of the Dam Works.*

No fair price shop was opened at the dam area, as no difficulty was experienced nor any brought to notice in this regard prior to this incident. But when the difficulty in supply arose, the Madras State Electricity Board has itself been securing special allotments, and distributing rice at the notified rates through a departmental stores at Pilloor.

---

* Circulated separately.

† Circulated to Members on 18th March 1965.